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COMMUNICATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The purpose of this organization is to secure effective co-operation and mutual helpfulness in their distinctive work among all its members. To this end the annual meetings of the Society should not be confined to expressing the ideas of a few but should bring to common knowledge the most significant ideas that are developing anywhere among its membership.

An invitation and a request is therefore extended to all members of the Society to notify the Secretary of their opinions as to the general theme and plan of the next annual meeting and especially to inform the Secretary of any topics upon which they have results from their own work already matured or maturing, which they wish to present at the annual meeting.

The general subject of the next annual meeting of the Society will be selected with regard for any common trend of interest revealed by the replies to this request, and the program will be arranged as far as possible to utilize the results of the work spontaneously undertaken by the members.

If such an opportunity is desired at least one half-day during the annual meeting will be set aside for sectional meetings devoted to topics which are of special interest to separate divisions of our membership. The members of the Society are invited to propose topics to which they wish to have a sectional meeting devoted. If the response to these requests is as general as is hoped, it will of course be impossible to act upon all the suggestions received, but they all will be given the most hospitable consideration, and they will afford to the officers of the Society the most valued guidance.

In order to serve the purpose effectively, replies should be received within a month after this communication is published.

EDWARD CARY HAYES